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SUBJECT: PROVISIONAL IRA KILLS SOLDIER

1. PROVISIONAL IRA IN CROSSMAGLEN SOUTH ARMAGH HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXPLOSION OF MASSIVE BOMB ON SILVERBRIDGE-CROSSMAGLEN ROAD EARLY AFTERNOON OCT. 9. AMBUSH EXPLOSION BADLY DAMAGED SARACEN VEHICLE, KILLED ARMY CORPORAL AND INJURED TWO OTHER SOLDIERS AND ONE POLICEMAN. PROVISIONALS ALSO CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR BOMB THAT DAMAGED COUNCIL OFFICES IN TOWN NEWRY OCTOBER 9.

2. IN ADDITION TO "PROVOCATION" PROVIDED BY CONTINUED ARMY BLOCKAGE OF CROSS-BORDER ROADS, PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN NEWRY OCTOBER 9 RELEASED STATEMENT DETAILING RECENT INCIDENTS OF "HARASSMENT" BY SECURITY FORCES IN SOUTH ARMAGH. STATEMENT BLAMED ARMY, ULSTER DEFENSE REGIMENT AND ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY OF LIFTING ELEVEN MEN IN KILCOO AREA, RAIDING HOMES IN CASTLEWELLAN AREA, AND DETAINING 36 MEN AND BOYS IN NEWRY. BELFAST PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN OCT. 9 ALSO ISSUED STATEMENT OF DETAILS RECENT INCIDENTS ARMY "HARASSMENT" IN BELFAST AREA GIVING RISE TO SPECULATION WHETHER TRADITION THAT FRIDAY IS BOMB DAY IN BELFAST WILL

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BE HONORED AGAIN.

3. SIX SOLDIERS KILLED NORTHERN IRELAND AND TWENTY WOUNDED
CALENDAR YEAR 1975 TO DATE. LAST YEAR THERE 28 KILLED AND
205 WOUNDED AND IN 1973 FIFTY EIGHT KILLED AND 278 WOUNDED.
MINISTER OF DEFENSE ROY MASON STATED IN LONDONDERRY EARLIER
THIS WEEK ARMY APPROVED CEASEFIRE AND IT WILL BE MAINTAINED.

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